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The cold wave wag wagged in at last.

Why isn't the man "higher up"? Isn't he really lower down?

One can, when one is hunting for shocks, find them almost anywhere.

This would be a better and happier world to live in did every one try to make it so.

The actors of the country are expected to erect a monument to the man who invented the tree bunch.

A fat man's club was raffled recently in a Virginia town. Naturally, the raiding party expected a sumptuous prize.

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CLAIM INCREASE DEMANDED IS PRECAUTION TAKEN TO SAVE EXORBITANT.

CounterDemands Are Presented to Miners, Including Reduction of Wages and Screening.

Conflict Between Manchus and Chinese in Imperial Army Expected Any Moment.

Peking, China—Two thousand imperial troops stationed at the city of Shang-Yang in the province of Hu-Pai to the northwest of Hankow are reported to have revolted in favor of the republic.

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BLAMES I. C. FOR KINMUNDY WRECK

OPERATOR AND FLAGMAN HELD EQUALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR FATAL COLLISION.

ENGINEER IS EXONERATED

Road Culpable for Allowing Trains to Run So Close Together—No Recommendations to the Grand Jury Made.

Centralia, Ill.—After a deliberation of two hours, one man holding out the coroner's jury in the Kinmundy wreck inquest over the bodies of J. T. Harriman, E. B. Pierce, F. O. Melcher and E. E. Wright brought in the following verdict:

"We, the undersigned jurors, sworn to inquire into the death of J. T. Harriman, on oath, do find that he came to his death by Illinois Central train No. 3 running into the rear of train No. 25 at Kinmundy, Ill., on the night of January 21, 1912, while deceased was sleeping in a private Rock Island car on the rear of train 25, and that the Illinois Central railroad is in error in running two trains so closely together; that Henry Schneiderjohn, operator at Edgewood, erred in allowing trains 25 and 3 to pass his station within less than ten minutes of each other; that Harry J. Broecker, flagman on train No. 25, erred in not throwing red fuses in front of train No. 3, according to Conductor J. H. Brauner's instructions."

The verdict in the deaths of Melcher, Pearce and Wright were identical.

Neither Engineer Stuart nor Conductor Brauner were held in the case of the Illinois Central investigation, neither did the jury recommend that these cases be taken up by a grand jury.

The inquest was held before Deputy Coroner Gant Weathering. Henry Schneiderjohn of Siegel, Ill., the operator at Edgewood, testified that No. 25 passed his tower at 12:10 and No. 3 at 12:20. He said he dispatched the time of both to the dispatcher at the same time.

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